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Hamilton Grange National Memorial *Supporter of American Patriots*

Established: April 27, 1962

Location: 287 Convent Avenue, New York

Overview: Hamilton Grange is temporarily closed due to a restoration project. It is expected to open to the public again in 2009

The Grange, named after his grandfathers' estate in Scotland was the home of Alexander Hamilton, American statesman and first Secretary of Treasury. Hamilton Grange National Memorial preserves the home of founding father Alexander Hamilton. Born and raised in the West Indies, Hamilton came to New York in 1772 at age 17 to study finance at King's College (now Columbia University). Hamilton became a supporter of the cause of the American patriots during the political turmoil of the 1770s. Commissioned as a Captain of Artillery at the beginning of the American Revolution, he soon became an aide-de-camp to George Washington.

After the war, as a member of Congress, Hamilton was instrumental in creating the new Constitution. As co-author of the Federalist Papers he was indispensable in the effort to get the Constitution adopted. As the first Secretary of the Treasury (1789-1795) he devised plans for funding the national debt, securing federal credit, encouraging expansion of manufacturing and organizing the federal bank.

Hamilton commissioned architect John McComb Jr. to design a Federal style country home on a sprawling 32 acre estate in upper Manhattan. This house was completed in 1802 and named "The Grange" after the Hamilton family's ancestral home in Scotland, but served as his home for only two years. On July 11, 1804, Hamilton was fatally wounded in a duel with his political rival Aaron Burr.

Exhibits/Tours: Due to construction and architectural investigation, the Grange is closed to the public. It is expected open to the public in 2009.

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